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Wabash County 4-H Fair concludes Saturday

On Saturday, July 18 the schedule will be: 1 p.m. – Champion pictures; and 2:30 p.m. – Senior sweat-shirt, Achievement and Parade of Champions.

Christmas in July to be held at Salamonie Lake

Celebrate Christmas in July and Smokey Bear's Birthday on Saturday, July 18 at Salamonie Lake's Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, 9214 W. Lost Bridge West, Andrews. The event begins from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. with campsite decorating sign-up

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WCUF receives \$175K for COVID-19 relief

Lilly Endowment, Indiana United Ways' funds benefit local nonprofits

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Friday, the Wabash County United Fund (WCUF) awarded \$30,000 of a \$175,000 grant for assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic, according to Steve Johnson, WCUF executive director.

Johnson said the \$175,000 COVID-19 Economic Relief Initiative Grant was made possible through a partnership between Lilly Endowment, Inc. and Indiana United Ways, the state professional association of which Wabash County United Fund is a member.

"These special funds will

be used to boost the efforts of selected area human and social service nonprofits on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic," said Johnson.

Community Foundation of Wabash County and United Fund has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to work cooperatively on programs related to COVID-19 emergency response and economic recovery strategies.

"The Economic Relief Initiative will provide additional support for Wabash County people in need, and will help us explore a

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On Friday, the Wabash County United Fund (WCUF) awarded \$30,000 of a \$175,000 grant for assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic. From left are: Steve Johnson, executive director, Wabash County United Fund; Jim Widner, member of the Wabash County United Fund Board of Directors; Mark Frantz, president of the Wabash County United Fund Board of Directors; Brian Howenstein, president of the Community Foundation of Wabash County Board of Directors; Patty Grant, executive director of the Community Foundation of Wabash County; and Melissa Ford, development associate at the Community Foundation of Wabash County.



Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

If you've been driving downtown this week, you might have noticed the yellow paint on the edge of the street corners is looking a bit fresher than usual.

Freshening up the lines

Downtown street curbs repainted this week

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

If you've been driving downtown this week, you

might have noticed the yellow paint on the edge of the street corners is looking a bit fresher than usual.

That's because many of these areas have been given their yearly sprucing by seasonal employees.

"Typically we have our

summer help, high-schoolers, complete curb painting annually if needed to keep the no parking areas of curbs painted near intersections," said Mayor Scott Long.

This repainting comes after some downtown streets have been closed for construction, including for the

work near the intersection of Cass and Main streets, which was part of the city's sewer separation project.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

2020 Founders' Day Festival canceled

The yearly event had been scheduled for Sept. 19 at Paradise Spring Historical Park

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

This year's edition of the annual Founders' Day Festival, which seeks to be a "celebration of Wabash, Indiana and its rich history," has been canceled, according to Maria E. Smyth, city receptionist.

The event had been set to take place Saturday, Sept. 19 at Paradise Spring Historical Park.

Smyth said the Founders' Day Festival committee called off the festival due

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Kiwanis Club's Pancake Day canceled

The annual event originally scheduled for March was rescheduled twice

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Wabash Kiwanis Club Board of Directors has announced that the 2020 Pancake Day fundraiser has been canceled, according to Board President Eric Seaman.

The decision came during the Board's monthly meeting on Monday.

The fundraiser, which was originally scheduled in March, was rescheduled twice: once to early June and then again to July 25, at the Bruce Ingraham Building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds.

Seaman said the event traditionally serves as the largest annual fundraiser

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WPD officer commended for saving man's life

Dan Henderson has been with the department for 17 years

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A Wabash Police Department (WPD) officer was commended for saving a man's life, according to Capt. Matt Benson, WPD public information officer.

WPD Officer Dan Henderson received a letter of com-

mendation from Mayor Scott Long on Monday at the Wabash City Council meeting.

Henderson is a 17-year veteran of the WPD.

Benson said on Saturday, March 28, Henderson responded to an unresponsive, pulseless male.

"Officer Henderson immediately began CPR until Wabash Fire Department Paramedics arrived on the scene. It was learned that Officer Henderson's quick action saved the subject's life and

successfully made it through heart surgery," said Benson. "Great job."

The Wabash City Council had been meeting virtually over Zoom during the start of the pandemic but has moved to a hybrid format of Zoom and in-person meetings.

"This award had been postponed due to COVID-19," said Benson.

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WPD Officer Dan Henderson, left, received a letter of commendation from Mayor Scott Long on Monday at the Wabash City Council meeting.

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Art Exhibits

ISDH adds three local COVID-19 cases; total now 123

The state still reported three local deaths, and now reports 2,645 tests






STAFF REPORT

On Wednesday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) added three local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 123. The state still reported three local deaths, and on Wednesday reported 2,597 tests. On Thursday, the ISDH reported 2,622 local tests. On Friday, the ISDH reported 2,645 local tests. Statewide on Friday, the ISDH announced that 747 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at ISDH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and private laboratories. That brings to 54,813 the total number of Indiana residents known to have the novel coronavirus, according to Megan Wade-Taxter, media relations coordinator. As of Friday, more than 34

percent of ICU beds and more than 83 percent of ventilators are available statewide. A total of 2,610 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of eight over the previous day. Another 193 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by ISDH and occurred over multiple days. To date, 604,635 tests have been reported to ISDH, up from 595,558 on Friday. To find testing locations around the state, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link. On Wednesday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) added three local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 123. The state still reported three local deaths, and on Wednesday reported 2,597 tests. On Thursday, the ISDH reported 2,622 local tests. Statewide on Thursday, the





ISDH announced that 735 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at ISDH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and private laboratories. That brings to 54,080 the total number of Indiana residents known to have the novel coronavirus. As of Thursday, nearly 32 percent of ICU beds and nearly 84 percent of ventilators are available statewide. A total of 2,602 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 10 over the previous day. Another 193 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by ISDH and occurred over multiple days. To date, 595,558 tests have been reported to ISDH, up from 586,589 on Wednesday. To find testing locations around the state, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

5-Day Weather Summary

 Saturday Partly Cloudy 90 / 75	 Sunday Isolated T-storms 91 / 73	 Monday Scattered T-storms 86 / 71	 Tuesday Scattered T-storms 82 / 73	 Wednesday Scattered T-storms 83 / 69
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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 9:16 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 6:33 a.m.

 New 7/20	 First 7/27	 Full 8/3	 Last 8/11
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 90°, humidity of 60%. South wind 5 to 13 mph. The heat index for today could reach up to 98°. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 75°. South wind 7 to 13 mph.



Provided photo by Lynda Balslev for TasteFood

Shrimp, feta and olives are the star ingredients, mingling with sweet corn, juicy tomatoes and plenty of garden greens.

Layers are for salads, too

By LYNDA BALSLEV

While simplicity often reigns when making salads, a little attention to how you put them together can make a difference – and not just in presentation, but also in flavor. There's certainly nothing wrong with combining all of your salad fixings in a bowl and giving them a good toss. Some salads demand a good jumble, such as cheesy Caesar salads or simple green salads. However, if you have a special standout ingredient that you don't want to submerge in a bowl of greens, or if you prefer a lighter hand in dressing the salad without wilting tender leaves, then layering is the way to go.

Dressing: When layering a salad, you can ensure that it's evenly dressed. Simply drizzle the base ingredients, such as your greens or crudites, with just enough dressing to lightly kiss the leaves and disperse with a gentle toss. You will add more dressing once the salad is composed. Layer the remaining ingredients on top and coat with a final light drizzle, and your salad is ready to go. And remember to go lightly when dressing your salad. You can always add more (or pass it once served), but you can't remove it. Seasoning and flavoring: When proteins are one of your star ingredients, be sure to season them first – don't rely on the dressing alone to be the flavor agent for pieces of chicken, meat, fish or tofu. Layering also allows

you to build in flavor with aromatics, such as snippets of fresh herbs, nuts and seeds, and finely grated citrus zest. Add a little to each layer to flavor and perfume the salad and ensure they're present in every bite. This salad has summer written all over it. Shrimp, feta and olives are the star ingredients, mingling with sweet corn, juicy tomatoes and plenty of garden greens. It's beautiful when presented in a large serving bowl or arranged in individual serving bowls.

Shrimp and Feta Salad
Active Time: 20 minutes
Total Time: 20 minutes, plus cooling time
Yield: Serves 4 as a light meal or 6 as a side dish

- Shrimp:**
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
1 pound large (16/18) shrimp, shelled and deveined, tails intact if desired
Salt
1/2 lemon
Vinaigrette:
2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
1 small garlic clove, minced
1/4 teaspoon salt, or to taste
1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil
Salad:
6 to 8 ounces mixed greens, such as arugula, red leaf, romaine, torn into bite-size pieces
1 cup cherry or grape tomatoes, halved

- 1/2 medium red bell pepper, seeds and membrane removed, thinly sliced
1/2 small red onion, thinly sliced
1/3 cup fresh corn kernels
1/4 cup Italian parsley leaves, coarsely chopped, divided
1/4 cup mint leaves, coarsely chopped, divided
12 black olives, such as Kalamata or oil-cured
1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese
Finely grated lemon zest, for garnish

Cook the shrimp: Heat the oil and red pepper flakes in a skillet over medium-high heat. Arrange the shrimp in one layer without overcrowding the pan. Cook until bright coral-pink on both sides and just cooked through, 3 to 4 minutes, turning once. Transfer the shrimp to a plate, lightly season with salt and a squeeze of lemon, and cool to room temperature. Make the vinaigrette: Whisk the lemon juice, vinegar, garlic, salt and black pepper in a small bowl. Add the oil in a steady stream, whisking constantly to emulsify. Assemble the salad: Combine the greens, tomatoes, red pepper, onion, corn, half of the parsley and half of the mint in a large, wide serving bowl. Drizzle about 1/4 cup vinaigrette over the greens (or enough to lightly coat) and toss. Arrange the shrimp over the greens and scatter the olives and feta over the salad. Drizzle with additional vinaigrette to taste. Garnish with the remaining parsley and mint and the lemon zest.

Strawberry aguas frescas

By SHARON PALMER, MSFS, RDN

The light, fresh tradition of aguas frescas – literally “fresh waters” – originates from Central America. You might have seen large containers of fruit-filled waters at authentic Mexican restaurants as your first exposure to aguas frescas. The concept of icy water, filled with a touch of lime juice and chopped fresh fruit is a welcome, delicious way to hydrate, without the need for added sugars.

Mix up a batch of strawberry aguas frescas in the blender, and keep it chilled in the refrigerator to enjoy as a healthful beverage all week long. It's also delicious and pretty served in pitchers or large jars filled with ice at picnics and outdoor parties. If fresh strawberries aren't in season, substitute frozen. And try swapping the strawberries out for other seasonal fruit choices, including pineapple, mango, kiwifruit, papaya, blueberries or peaches.

Ingredients

- 2 cups sliced fresh strawberries
 - 2 cups water
 - 2 limes, juiced
 - 1 tsp. agave nectar (optional)
 - Ice cubes
 - Garnish (optional)
 - Additional strawberries
 - Fresh mint leaves
- Makes 2 servings (1 1/4 cup each). Per serving: 73 calories, 1 g total fat (0 g saturated fat), 0 mg cholesterol, 20 g carbony-



Provided photo

The light, fresh tradition of aguas frescas – literally “fresh waters” – originates from Central America.

drates, 2 g protein, 5 g dietary fiber, 13 mg sodium, 9 g sugar.

Directions

Place strawberries, water, lime juice and agave nectar (if using) in the container of a blender. Process a few sec-

onds until smooth. Fill 2 large glasses or a small pitcher with ice cubes. Pour aguas frescas into glasses or the entire batch into pitcher. Garnish with fresh, whole strawberries and mint leaves, if desired.

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Roxy 5 Showtimes for Friday, July 17-Sunday, July 19
All showtimes have Closed Captioning available.

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Gov. announces state to remain in current stage of Back on Track plan

Stage 4.5 of the plan will remain in place through at least the end of the month

STAFF REPORT

Gov. Eric J. Holcomb has announced the majority of the state will remain in Stage 4.5 of the Back On Track Indiana plan through at least July 31, according to Rachel Hoffmeyer, press secretary.

Elkhart County will remain in Stage 4 as it has for the last two weeks. Local governments may impose more restrictive guidelines.

Hoffmeyer said Holcomb has used data to drive decisions since the state's first case of the novel coronavirus in early March and he continues to do so as the state continues a sector-by-sector reset. The state will continue to monitor and respond to these four guiding principles:

- The number of hospitalized COVID-19 patients statewide has decreased for 14 days.

- The state retains its surge capacity for critical care beds and ventilators.
- The state retains its ability to test all Hoosiers who are COVID-19 symptomatic as well as health care workers, first responders, and frontline employees.
- Health officials have systems in place to contact all individuals who test positive for COVID-19 and expand contact tracing.

The state has updated its requirements for events that are permitted according to Stage 4.5. Events that expect more than 250 attendees are now required to submit a safety plan to their local health department for approval before opening. This is effective July 23.

Other social gatherings and meetings remain limited to no more than 250 people.

For more information, visit BackOnTrack.in.gov.

A timely lesson from bluebirds

By DAVE SNOWDON

My wife has always loved bluebirds. So this spring I purchased and put up an “official” bluebird house in our yard. It was the best looking birdhouse in the neighborhood. My wife had studied what kind of house was necessary and we installed one that met every requirement. To my amazement, and her joy, we had our first bluebird tenants. It was fun to watch them build their nest and the male bluebird chase away all the other birds who wanted to take up residence. They were very entertaining. The first nest yielded three eggs. Unfortunately, we didn’t mark our calendar and we missed the day the young hatchlings left. Following the instructions of my wife, I removed the old nest and cleaned out the house and within days the bluebirds were back, building a new nest. This time there were 5 eggs and we marked our calendar to know approximately the day the hatchlings would leave. When that day arrived my wife was ready. She had her binoculars in hand, watching for the new babies to come out of the house. But to her shock and horror, in the trees around the bluebird house were five young Cooper’s hawks, perched as if they too were waiting for the young bluebirds to come out. Anxiously we watched as the mother bluebird perched about 30 feet away from the opening of the birdhouse begin calling her children to come out. My wife was in a panic. What was this bluebird mother doing? Surely she sees the hawks perched in the trees. Doesn’t she know her babies are going to be eaten? But there was this bluebird mother, bravely perched 30 feet away – the distance a baby bluebird can fly – calling her children to fly to her and to safety. And, one by one, over several hours, a chick would appear at the opening of the house, focus on its mothers call and fly to her. That night the nest was empty and the hawks were gone. I searched all over the yard to see if there was any evidence that the hawks might have gotten any of the young bluebirds but couldn’t find any. And then my wife said, “Listen. You can hear the bluebirds singing in the trees.” According to bluebird authorities, bluebirds sing before mating and when the

nest is empty.

There is a lesson here for all of us if we will listen. The Apostle Paul in his second letter to his adopted son Timothy calls to him with these words of encouragement, “... for God gave us not a spirit of fear but of power and love and self-control.” (2 Timothy 1:7 ESV)

2020 has been an unprecedented year. Fear abounds. And hate is everywhere. Is this our new normal? The enemy of us all has done a pretty good job this year at enslaving us in fear, so much so that any normalcy of living is controlled by fear. The enemy is driving people to hate and destruction and because of these two things people’s hearts are failing them and there is no hope.

This is not God’s plan or the purpose for us. God wants us to live in power. His power, not our strength. He promises that “... I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.” (Philippians 4:13 ESV). And He calls us to love others and to do good to those who hate us ... and to pray for those who abuse us. (Luke 6:27, 28 ESV). It is easy to hate and destroy, that is what the enemy does. Only God can create and restore and build up. And by His power, we are to work on how to stir one another to love and good works. (Hebrews 10:24). And what is the result of putting our trust in Him and loving others? A sound mind ... He will keep each of us in perfect peace when our minds are focused on Him and we trust Him with our lives. (Isaiah 26:3.)

Yes, the hawks of fear and destruction are everywhere, but like the mother bluebird calling her hatchlings to safety, God is calling each of us to come to Him and put our trust in Him.

“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood, you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation ...” Rev. 5:9

Dave Snowden and his wife recently moved to the Wabash community to be near six of their 11 grandchildren and their parents. The couple has three adult children and 11 grandchildren. He is a retired Navy Chaplain and veteran of Vietnam and Iraqi Freedom. He also retired from the Christian & Missionary Alliance and Senior Adult Health Care in Friendship Village in Dayton, Ohio.

Austin J. O’Dell

July 6, 1994 – July 14, 2020

Austin J. O’Dell, 26, of Wabash, passed away of natural causes, at 11:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at his employer, Real Alloys of Wabash. He was born in Peru, Indiana, to Troy O’Dell and Kimberly Shaneyfelt on July 6, 1994.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July

20, 2020 at McDonald Funeral Home, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992.

Calling hours for family and friends will be from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 19, 2020 at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com

Cheryl R. (Scott) Rogers

January 25, 1946 – June 10, 2020

Cheryl R. (Scott) Rogers, 74, of Marion, entered her heavenly home at 8:35 pm on Wednesday, June 10, 2020, after a valiant battle with cancer. She was born on January 25, 1946, in Mason City, Iowa, to Harold and Eva Scott.

A memorial service for Cheryl will take place at

10:00 am on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, at Gardens of Memory Mausoleum Chapel, 11201 S. Marion Rd. 35, Marion, IN.

Arrangements are entrusted to Integrity Funeral Care, 2901 S. Washington St., Marion, IN.

Memories may be shared online at www.ifccares.com.

Barbara Elaine Speicher

May 25, 1935 – July 15, 2020

Barbara Elaine Speicher, 85, North Manchester, passed away July 15, 2020. Barbara was born May 25, 1935 in Mentone, Indiana.

Barbara Elaine Speicher is survived by husband, Daniel E. Speicher II; son, Daniel E. “Sam” Speicher III; daughters, Paula K. Speicher and Stephany (Jim) Underwood; brother, Herbert K. Smith; sister,

Angenetta (Stephen) Briner; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Calling Friday, July 24, 2020 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester. A Celebration of Life memorial service will begin at the conclusion of calling. Burial will be held at Speicher Cemetery, Urbana.

Bonnie Sue Enyeart

Bonnie Sue Enyeart, 69, North Manchester passed away July 14, 2020 at her residence.

The loving memory of Bonnie Sue Enyeart will be remembered by her brothers, Robert (Cynthia) Bradley, Bill (Jacque) Bradley, and Bruce (Lorraine) Bradley all of Warsaw, Indiana; step-daughter, Jaime (Brad) Good, Columbia City, Indiana; sister, Barbara Brad-

ley, North Manchester; four grandchildren, Finnegan Sinicroft, North Manchester, Logan, Gavin, and Aiden Good, Columbia City, Indiana.

A private family graveside will be held Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. at Oaklawn Cemetery, 600 Beckley Street, North Manchester with Pastor Bill Whitaker officiating.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

Duke Energy Indiana plans ‘gradual return to standard business operations’

The company says they are extending assistance for customers in need

STAFF REPORT

Duke Energy Indiana will continue to suspend service disconnections for an additional month beyond the state’s current moratorium on disconnection for non-payment, according to Lew Middleton, senior communications consultant.

Customers who are experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic now have until Sept. 15 to settle their accounts or make payment arrangements.

Leading up to the deadline, Duke Energy is offering customers in need the opportunity to establish payment plans for up to six months in length. The company is also urging eligible customers to take advantage of additional Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program funds available through statewide community action agencies due to the pandemic.

“In response to the COVID-19 pandemic in March, the company immediately launched a sweeping series of steps to help customers, including suspending disconnections for non-payment, as well as late-payment fees and residential fees for credit card payments and other payment types,” said Middleton.

During the pandemic, the Duke Energy Foundation has contributed over \$950,000 in foundation and corporate funds to Indiana not-for-profit organizations, focusing on

food, small business recovery, education and workforce needs of its customers and communities.

Duke Energy Indiana has contacted residential and non-residential customers with significant past-due balances on their utility bills, offering payment plans to mitigate potentially more significant financial challenges in the future.

Duke Energy Indiana will continue to assist residential and business customers whose accounts have fallen behind due to illness or lost wages.

Support for these efforts include:

- Federal-funded programs like the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Additional funds were added to the program due to the pandemic, and the state is urging utility customers to apply through statewide community action agencies.
- The “added convenience” for customers to choose an extended payment arrangement that meets their needs on-line, anytime.
- Resources are available for small business customers as they are reopening, from financial assistance to billing and payment options to professional guidance to manage their energy usage.
- To make it easier to pay, the company will continue waiving credit and debit card and walk-in payment fees for residential customers for an

additional two months once standard billing and payment practices resume. These fees will resume in November.

Duke Energy Indiana will return to standard billing and payment practices in mid-August, which means customers in arrears will receive notices about their past-due balances and the earliest possible date their service could be interrupted. That change will result in disconnections for non-payment under regular credit and notice timelines after Sept. 15 for residential and non-residential customers.

The company anticipates higher-than-normal call volume and encourages customers to consider using the online self-service options now to avoid longer wait times.

Customers should download the company’s mobile app or visit duke-energy.com for information and most service transactions. Customers who are unable to self-serve can contact the customer contact center at 800-521-2232.

Duke Energy’s customer service specialists are available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, to assist customers with customized payment plans that meet their specific situations.

Customers who need financial assistance are encouraged to visit 211.org to locate available resources. The free service can help customers find local community agencies that assist to meet a wide range of needs, including utility bills, housing, food, other essentials, child and elder care, medical expenses and health counseling.

For more information, visit 211.org call 211.

Middleton said the company also suspended some of its field operations and non-emergency work inside customers’ premises. However, as a provider of an essential service, the company continues working hard to deliver the reliable power customers need while following CDC guidelines to protect the health and well-being of its communities.

“The company has been methodically resuming some activities, consistent with its commitment to safely and reliably serve customers,” said Middleton. “As the company continues to resume service orders previously suspended, personnel will follow CDC guidelines to complete work. Duke Energy Indiana employees and contractors who may interact with customers or engage in fieldwork have access to necessary personal protective equipment and will maintain social distancing to the extent practical. For work that must be scheduled, the company will contact customers in advance to inform them of the nature of the work and the safety protocols that will be used. Customers will have the right to refuse and reschedule the work for a later date unless an immediate safety issue exists. If you have questions regarding work that needs to be scheduled, please call us.”

Middleton said the company anticipates that all previously delayed, deferred and suspended non-essential operations will have resumed by Sept. 1.

Patsy E. Drook

Dec 17, 1930 – July 16, 2020



Patsy E. Drook, 89, a lifetime resident of Wabash, passed away at 1:11 p.m. on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at Wabash Parkview Hospital. She was born in Wabash, on December 17, 1930, to the late Donald and Gertrude (Cox) Faust.

Patsy was a Wabash High School graduate. She married David Drook in 1946; he passed away in 1995. Patsy retired from the Wabash and North Manchester Farm Bureau Co Op. She was a member of the Wabash Christ United Methodist Church, the American Legion Auxiliary of Wabash and a supporter of the

F.O.P. Lodge.

Patsy is survived by her daughter, Dawn Driscoll, of Wabash; two grandsons, Sean (Gina) France, of North Carolina and Dylan Driscoll, of Fort Wayne. She was preceded in death by her son, Michell Drook, and granddaughter, Lindsay Driscoll.

Per the family’s request, there will be no services.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to McDonald Funeral Home, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com

Louella Wrightsman

Louella Wrightsman, 88, Wonewoc, Wisconsin formerly of North Manchester, Indiana, passed away July 14, 2020.

The memory of Louella Wrightsman will be remembered by son, Dean (Joann) Wrightsman, Wonewoc, Wisconsin; daughter, Lucinda (Michael) Curtin, Rocky Mountain, Virginia; four grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, and one

great great-grandchild.

Calling July 19, 2020 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester. A graveside service will be held July 20, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the North Manchester Old German Baptist Brethren Cemetery, 12546 North State Road 13, North Manchester.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

Michael ‘Mike Lloyd Boone

Michael “Mike” Lloyd Boone, 58, North Manchester passed away on July 14, 2020 at his residence surrounded by family. The memory of Michael “Mike” Lloyd Boone will be remembered by his wife, Jennifer Boone; son, Kyle (Leah) Boone; daughter, Allison (Kirk) Powers; brother, Robert (Joellen) Boone; sisters, Marsha Keller and Bil-

lie (Gary) Miller; grandchildren, Kane and Lily Powers.

Family and friends were welcomed on July 17, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester. Funeral services were held at the conclusion of calling.

Arrangements were entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

PENDING SERVICES

Edith Irene Stephenson, formerly a resident of both Chapman Lake and Lagro: passed away quietly on Friday, July 10, 2020 at 3 p.m. in Grace Village Healthcare Center, Winona Lake. She was 95 years old. Arrangements are pending with Titus Funeral Home of Warsaw.

VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES

Asbury Country Church: On Sunday, July 19, at Asbury Country Church, Sunday school will take place at 9:30 a.m. and the worship service will take place at 10:30 a.m. The worship and music leader will be Amy Bullick and the piano will be by Roger Marine. The morning message from Pastor Mike Bullick will be, “No Running, No Hiding.”

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ: Online services are available by visiting www.bachelorcreek.com.

Christ United Methodist Church: On Sunday, July 19, worship service at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St., is at 10 a.m. Pastor Tom Richards’ scripture reading will be Ephesians 1:1-14 with a sermon reflection titled “Spiritual Blessings in Christ.” Check us out at wabashchristumc.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/.

Christian Heritage Church: Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

College Corner Brethren Church: Pastor Joe Bellone’s sermons are posted (with handouts) on both Facebook and YouTube under “College Corner Brethren Church.”

Dora Christian Church: On Sunday, July 19, at Dora Christian Church in Lagro, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. There will be two morning services at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m., with Sunday school classes for all ages from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Preacher Mark Wisniewski’s message for this Sunday will be, “The Fellowship of the Fellowship,” from Acts, Chapter 2. The Communion Table will be served by Chuck Marion and Brad Frieden. There will be children’s church for the youngsters at the 10:30 a.m. service and will be led this week by Kelly and Lynnette Good. If you can’t make it to the Live Services, Preacher Mark’s Sermon will be posted on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group Sunday morning for all to see.

First Church of God: On Sunday, July 19, at the First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St., there will be a worship service at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Robb Rensberger’s sermon is titled, “Compassion.” Masks are optional but we will practice social distancing. Sunday Servants are Sue White, chairperson; Tina Eakright, worship; Nancy Kolb, piano; and Rose Sands, organ.

First United Methodist Church: First United Methodist Church will be streaming the Sunday morning worship service for the next few weeks at 10 a.m. through Facebook at facebook.com/wabashfirstumc.

LaFontaine Christian Church: The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at www.lafontainechristian.com under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

LaFontaine United Methodist Church: Pastor Susan Sham-baugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is live-streaming on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church> and that it may be accessed as a video afterward.

Living Faith Lutheran Church: Online services only at www.livingfaithwabash.org.

Manchester Church of the Brethren: Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting www.manchestercob.net. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, “Manchester CoB

YouTube Channel.” After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live-stream in the same way. Another way to access the live-stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search “Manchester Church of the Brethren,” and click on the circle profile.

North Manchester Congregational Christian Church: Pastor Sebrina Cline stated live streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

North Manchester Missionary Church: The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting NMMC1.com.

Olive Branch Church of God: The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch or through the church website www.olivebranch.church. Click “Live Streaming” at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

Roann United Methodist Church: On Sunday, July 19, Pastor Wayne Balmer’s will have service in the church at 9 a.m. along with being on Facebook. The sermon is from Matthew 7:13-14 titled, “Wide Road or Narrow Road.”

St. Bernard Catholic Church: Masses have resumed with safety restrictions. Parishioners 65 and older are urged to stay home, and those attending are asked to observe 6-foot safety distance and all must wear a face mask. Masses are set for 5:30 p.m. Saturdays and 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

Southside Free Will Baptist: Streaming on their Facebook Page.

Sweetwater Assembly of God: Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

Urbana Yoke Parish: Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to www.urbanayokeparish.com. Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select “Worship Videos.” The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

Wabash Church of the Brethren: At the Wabash Church of the Brethren, Pastor Doug Veal is holding a Zoom meeting each Sunday for worship. The meeting is open at 10:15 a.m. so that everyone can be connected by 10:30 a.m. Join this church service by visiting <https://zoom.us/j/393263884> or by calling 312-626-6799 and enter meeting ID No. 393 263 884.

Wabash Christian Church: Streaming both on their website at wabashchristian.org and Facebook.

Wabash Church of the Nazarene: Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and search for “Wabash Nazarene” or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit www.wabashnaz.com, look for the home page, and find “Latest Sermon.”

Walk By Faith Community Church: Pastor Greg Wilburn of Roann’s Walk By Faith Community Church says to access his online sermons at www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com.

Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash: Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/zionwabash at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

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FESTIVAL

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to COVID-19 related issues. “Several potential bottleneck areas have been identified where social distancing will be impossible to manage and control. The decision to cancel has been difficult; however, with so much uncertainty regarding the pandemic and the possibility of a resurgence, canceling the festival is the most responsible action

RELIEF

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new community agenda brought about by impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Patty Grant, Community Foundation executive director. Johnson said the COVID-19 Economic Relief Initiative Grant calls for United Ways and Funds that receive funding to leverage partnerships and relationships to help meet COVID-related essential and basic needs, which could include safe, emergency childcare, and to address other COVID-19 critical issues as they emerge. “Specifically, Wabash County United Fund plans to provide funding through the Community Foundation COVID-19 Assistance Fund to help meet basic needs, support local nonprofit organizations that serve people in need, advance countywide and comprehensive preparedness, and explore COVID-19 recovery strategies related to quality childcare solutions and

we feel we must take. We must keep the health and safety of our community first and foremost in all decision making,” said Smyth. Mitch Figert, president and CEO of the Wabash County Museum, said last year’s event featured the Wabash County YMCA’s annual Dash in the Bash, parade with over 115 moving units, music, games and more. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

meeting the needs of small business employees,” said Johnson. Johnson said individuals who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and need financial assistance for rent, utilities, childcare or medical expenses through the COVID-19 Assistance fund are encouraged to contact their township trustee, the Wabash Area Ministerial Association’s Community Assistance Program, or REACH, for an application. Wabash County United Fund began accepting funding requests from area human and social service nonprofits in good standing on Friday. Interested organizations should contact the Wabash County United Fund office for guidance on funding intent and application instructions. For more information, call 260-563-6726 or email steve.johnson@wcunitedfund.org. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

PANCAKES

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for the club, “helping fund its many service projects to benefit the Wabash community and beyond. Seaman said this included support of Key Clubs at Wabash and Northfield high schools, support of K-Kids clubs at O.J. Neighbours and Sharp Creek elementary schools, sponsorship of the Wabash County Spelling Bee, renovating local park playgrounds, continuing the Club’s fifth-grade book program, supplying the Kate’s Kart book cart at Parkview Wabash Hospital and more. “Wabash Kiwanis also supports youth- and community-focused initiatives like Riley Hospital for Children, the Eagles Theatre renovation, FAME, the Honeywell Foundation’s Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) and Educational Outreach pro-

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PULSE

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and a pancake breakfast with Friends of Upper Wabash Interpretive Services. Donations will be accepted. Corn hole registration will be at 2 p.m. The corn hole tournament will last from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. There will be a youth archery shoot from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Bike decorating will begin at 6:15 p.m. Shelter decorating will also begin 6:15 p.m. There will be a Smokey Bear parade at 6:45 p.m. The campground roads will be closed from 6:45 to 7:10 p.m. There will be a Smokey Bear party at 7 p.m. Campsite decorating judging begins at 8:30 p.m. On Sunday, July 19, the campsite decorating awards will begin at 9:30 a.m. Property entrance fees will apply. The cost will be \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle. For information, call 260-468-2127 or visit www.camp.IN.gov or dnr.IN.gov.

North Manchester Rotary grills up chicken July 18

The third annual North Manchester Rotary Grilled Chicken BBQ is set to last from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 18, in the parking lot in front of New Market, 1204 E. Indiana 114, North Manchester. A meal is two pieces of chicken, chips and a drink for \$7. A small meal is one piece of chicken, chips and a drink for \$5. It is drive-thru pickup only. Volunteers will wear masks and gloves. All proceeds from the event go to local organizations and causes. For more information, visit <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/4154/>.

Watershed Soundscape workshop to be held at Mississinewa Lake

Join Kay Westhues for an evening “Listening to our Watershed Soundscape” workshop from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18 at Mississinewa Lake. The free program begins with DNR’s interpretive naturalist Cassie Kennedy’s Sound Bites at 7 p.m. where participants will hear and learn about nature’s sounds. The workshop continues at 8 p.m. with Kay Westhues for an evening stroll and soundwalk at Mississinewa Lake’s Miami State Recreation Area. Children under age 12 should

be accompanied by an adult. The class size is limited. Advance registration is required by calling 260-468-2127. All supplies will be provided by the artist. Property entrance fees will apply. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov.

Northfield, Southfield commencement ceremonies set

Northfield Jr./Sr. High School’s graduation date has been set for 2 p.m. Sunday, July 19 in the gymnasium, 154 W. 200 North, and graduation practice for seniors has been set for 10 a.m. Saturday, July 18 at NHS. Commencement at Southwood High School will be at 5 p.m. Sunday, July 19 at Southwood’s main gymnasium, 564 Indiana 124.

Ronald McDonald Care Mobile rolling out to provide immunizations for local children

Immunizations will be offered by appointment only and can be scheduled by calling 877-774-8632 and selecting option 2. To maintain social distancing, only one child and their parent/guardian will be allowed in the Care Mobile at a time, and a tent will be on site for those waiting. Parents and children age 2 and up will need to wear a face mask. Those without a mask will be provided one upon arrival. The Care Mobile delivers no-charge services to families without medical insurance. However, families with medical insurance are still welcome to make an appointment and their insurance will be billed for services. Stops have been scheduled for Monday, July 20 and Tuesday, July 21 at Walmart, 1601 N. Cass St. and Wednesday, July 29 at Manchester Jr./Sr. High School, One Squire Drive, North Manchester.

Blood donation opportunity scheduled for July 21

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from noon to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, July 21 at the First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.

Second Harvest plans tailgates at Northfield

The tailgates are planned for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays, July 22 and 29 at Northfield Jr./Sr. High School, 154 W. 200 North. No IDs, proof of address or need will be required, and all will be welcome. Distribution is while supplies last. We are requesting that attendees only go through the line one time so we can serve everyone. If you are walking up or coming via a vehicle too small to carry a load of food, please plan to arrive an hour after the tailgate starts. For more information, visit www.CureHunger.org.

Homeschooling cooperative plans open house

The North Manchester Cop, a homeschooling cooperative, has planned an open house from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 23 at Sweetwater Assembly of God, 2551 Indiana 114, North Manchester. At 7 p.m. there will be an instructional discussion and a time for questions and answers. Students from kindergarten to 10th grade may be eligible to participate and do not need to be from North Manchester to attend.

Volunteer Work Day scheduled at Salamonie

Volunteers are invited to join in a “Volunteer Work Day” to be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 23 at the Salamonie Lake’s Interpretive and Nature Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Projects may include repairs made to the shelter, raptor center; weeding, invasive species work; and clean-up in areas of the center. Volunteers should be sure to wear appropriate shoes and clothing and bring refillable water bottles and bug spray. Those who are under 12 years old should have an adult present. To register or for more information, call

260-468-2127.


30th Annual Wabash Co. Festivals Scholarship Pageant to be held July 24

The pageant will be held Friday, July 24, in the Ford Theater at the Honeywell Center. Anyone wishing to donate toward the scholarships may do so by sending a check to Bev Vanderpool, 73 W. Sheridan St, Wabash, IN 46992. Checks should be marked “Scholarship Pageant.” The Wabash County Festivals Pageant is a nonprofit, therefore all donations are tax-deductible. For more information, visit the Wabash County Festivals Pageant Facebook page at www.facebook.com/wabashcountyfestivals or contact any of the directors.

Christmas in July to be held at Mississinewa Lake

Camp the weekend or join for the day and celebrate Christmas in July and Smokey Bear’s Birthday on Saturday, July 25 at Mississinewa Lake’s Miami State Recreation Area, 6701 E. 550 South, Peru. Donations will be accepted. Property entrance fees of \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle. The event begins with a pancake breakfast served from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and Santa will appear from 8:30 a.m. to noon. There will also be a campsite contest sign-up during the breakfast time. There will be a youth archery shoot at 2 p.m.; cornhole registration at 3 p.m.; a cornhole tournament from 3:30 to 5 p.m.; bike and shelter decorating at 6:15 p.m.; the Smokey Bear parade at 6:45 p.m., which begins at campground gate, parade in the front loop only and the campground roads will be closed from 6:45 to 7:10 p.m.; Smokey Bear party at 7 p.m.; and campsite decorating judging at 8:30 p.m. Campsite decorating awards are set for 9:30 a.m. Sunday, July 26. For information, call 260-468-2127 or visit www.camp.IN.gov.


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Neighbor sues neighbor over botched bathroom renovation

DEAR ABBY: We were friendly with our next-door neighbor, who owned a contracting company, and we hired him to renovate our bathroom. At the time, we thought he did a wonderful job. It looked beautiful. Unfortunately, he didn't set the tub correctly, and a slow leak was happening underneath it. Three years later, our kitchen ceiling came down. We had to pay \$10,000 to repair the damage, and the entire tub and shower had to be removed and redone.

We talked with our neighbor about it, and he seemed apologetic, but after speaking with his wife, who is a lawyer, he told us our options are to "eat it" or sue him. We did sue him.

The case was dismissed prior to trial on a technicality, and the judge suggested we refile with a lawyer. We had tried to represent ourselves in small claims court, and the judge said it's difficult to do when the opposing side has a lawyer. I have so much anger and resentment toward them that when I see them my heart pounds.

Our other neighbors are on our side. They all say the couple will move, but if they don't, can you give us any advice on how to deal with this if we choose not to refile a lawsuit? He knows he completed this part of the job wrong, but his wife won't let him do the right thing. I'm blown away by the lack of ethics from people we regarded as friends. They have now cut ties with the entire circle of friends in our neighborhood over this. — The Right Thing In The East

DEAR THE RIGHT THING: Do not blame only the wife for what happened; her husband is her willing partner. They are equally ethically challenged, not to mention shameless, so don't count on them moving any time soon.

Because you are reluctant to incur the expense of hiring a lawyer to represent you in court, consider reporting the husband to the Better Business Bureau and the state contracting license board. If you do, it may save another family from experiencing the frustration and monetary loss you have.

DEAR ABBY: I feel like I do better on my own. I don't want kids, I don't want a husband, and I don't want commitment. I have accepted that I'm better by myself, but my mother, who is religious, is still convinced that I will want a kid one day. She feels she "knows" this, even though I have told her many times that I wouldn't be able to handle a husband or children. I have done my best to grin and bear it, but I feel guilty for disappointing her by not fulfilling her fantasy about my having a breadwinner husband and being a trophy wife with perfect kids.

It's not that she won't get to be a grandmother. She already is, but my sister isn't perfect, and I don't like that Mom wishes me to be what the rest of my siblings couldn't be. Also I can tell the idea of my being bisexual makes her queasy. She is still in denial.

What can I do when she says things like she can't wait until I have a husband or a kid of my own, or when she makes the same irritating face whenever anything about anyone's sexual orientation is mentioned? — Likes It Solo In Texas

DEAR LIKES IT: Because you have told your mother repeatedly that marriage and parenthood aren't what you want, when she brings it up, change the subject. Do not allow her to make you feel guilty for wanting to live your life the way you see fit. It is YOUR life, not hers, and you were not put on this earth to fulfill her fantasy or make up for your sister's deficits.

Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

DICEH

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EEGGAN

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Yesterday's

Jumbles: PRESS TRACK SMOOTH INVADE

Answer: The hikers hadn't seen each other in years until they — CROSSED PATHS

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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I'm heading to the woods! Who's been wearing my hat?

I have no idea!

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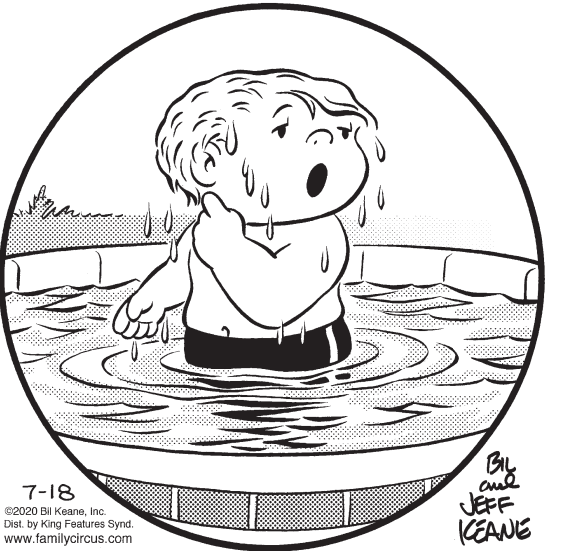
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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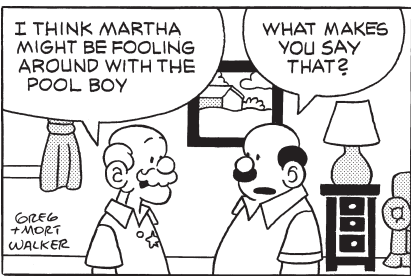
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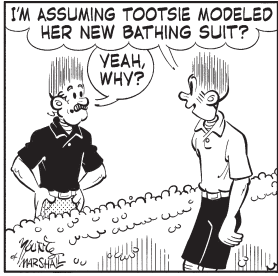
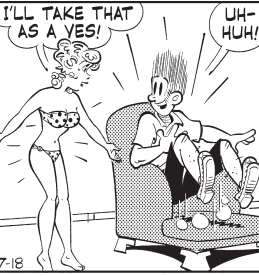
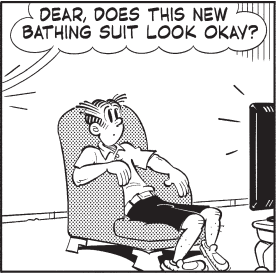
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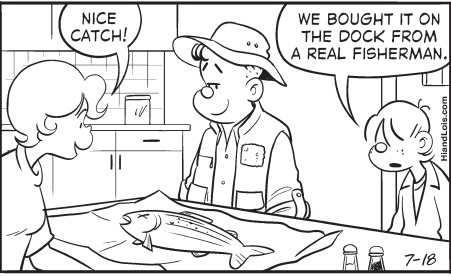
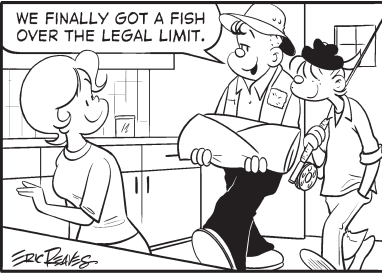
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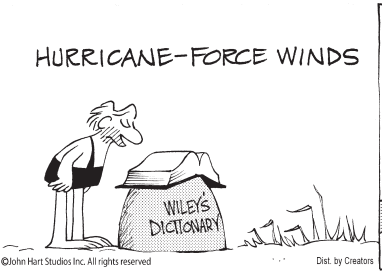
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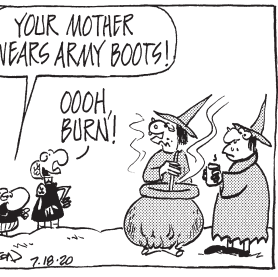
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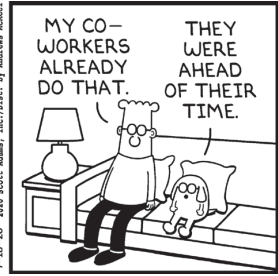
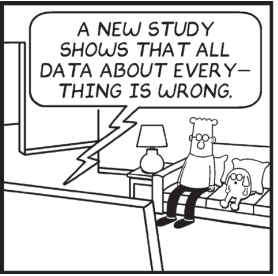
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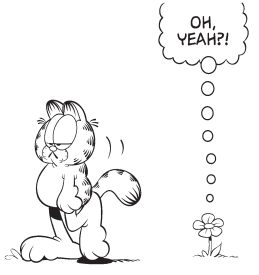
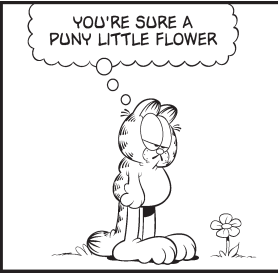
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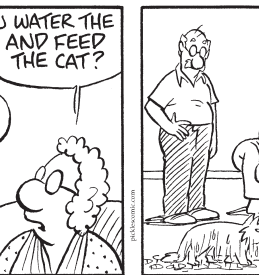
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Joy not the same as happiness

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: Are certain people born with the disposition of being joyful or can people learn to have joy? — S.J.

A: The word joy has all but disappeared from our current vocabulary. One reason is because we have confused joy with happiness, and have come to believe it is found in pleasure, security, and prosperity. In doing this, however, we have believed a lie that comes from Satan.

The Apostle James did not say, "Count it all joy when you fall into an easy chair." He wrote: "Count it all joy when you fall into various trials." Why? Because it produces godly attributes that help us get through the difficulties of life. He continues:

"Knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing" (James 1:2-4).

Joy is not the same as happiness — although they may overlap. Happiness depends on circumstances; joy depends on God. Happiness vanishes when life turns painful; joy keeps going and may even grow, even in the midst of sickness, pain, and various problems.

Joy comes from a living, vital relationship with God.

It comes from knowing this world is only temporary, and someday we will be with God forever. It comes from the fact that although we do not yet see God, we believe in Him, obey Him, live for Him in glorious joy — because of Him (1 Peter 1:8).

Joy is found only in Jesus, "the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2).

CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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Previous Solution: "There are these mythic unicorn-y tales of method acting, but Marlon (Brando) wanted to have a good time." — Johnny Depp

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

Ephesians 4:29

A bold climate change plan deserves spirited support

Grass-roots protests for racial justice, sweeping the country, show that when Americans are fired up, our country can make serious progress on big structural problems that have been mired in inaction.

Next up: Saving the planet from overheating.

For far too long, our nation has shrugged off the slow-motion disaster of climate change. We have allowed politics to defeat common sense, not unlike the Trump administration's response to the coronavirus pandemic.

So now is the time to rally behind a thoughtful and ambitious new climate change proposal in the U.S. House. We should get behind, as well, a host of excellent climate change recommendations made last week by a task force led by Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden and Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt.

"I think it is exciting," Jack Darin, director of the Sierra Club Illinois, told us on Monday of the House plan. "It is great to see that [climate change] has not fallen off the radar screen in light of everything else that is going on."

The House's 500-page plan is not expected to survive in the Senate. Not this Republican Senate. But it provides a sound basis for aggressive grassroots action; and it makes a compelling case that climate change is not an intractable problem – we can beat this thing.

And COVID-19 has shown us the foolishness of waiting to act until disaster is fully upon us.

America has failed as a global leader in the COVID-19 pandemic, with catastrophic results. Why not learn from this and take a strong lead now on climate change?

At the end of June, the House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis laid out a group of bills to deal with climate change. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., expects the House to approve them.

Among the provisions: All electricity must come from renewable or zero-carbon nuclear sources by 2040, vehicles must be electric, buildings should be much more energy efficient, natural gas leaks in infrastructure should be reduced and mass transit should be significantly expanded.

The plan also calls for the federal government to subsidize the development of renewable energy with a goal of ending of greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuels by 2050.

"It's bold," said Josh Mogerman, spokesman for the Natural Resources Defense Council. "It has a lot of essential things that need to be addressed and addressed quickly."

The bill fits with what climate experts say are the key paths we must take: renewable energy, energy efficiency and using only electricity to power transportation, homes, commercial buildings and industry. The aim is to limit the increase in global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

Many Republicans call the plan a jobs-killer that we don't need, especially at a time when the economy is groaning beneath the coronavirus pandemic. But the longer we fail to act, the worse the ultimate damage to the economy will be. At minimum, the House climate change plan offers Democrats shovel-ready legislation they can act on should they prevail in the November elections.

The House bills also would create new jobs for people who retrofit polluting buildings and infrastructure,

and who build new green projects. It would help workers in fossil fuel industries to transition to green jobs, and steer new jobs to economically challenged communities.

Around the world, we already are seeing extreme weather and ocean acidification, damaging ecosystems and biodiversity. And people are catching on to the immense threat. A majority of Americans now say dealing with climate change should be a "top priority," compared with just 38 percent in 2016, according to the Pew Research Center.

Worrisome signs are all around, in fact, that climate change might fry our planet more quickly than we think.

Days of 100-plus-degree heat in Siberia are fueling wildfires and melting the permafrost, releasing greenhouse gases into the atmosphere and accelerating warming. The bellwether "Doomsday glacier" in the Antarctic is losing ice at an ever-more-quickly rate.

Because of unusually hot weather, Chicago just recorded its longest streak of high-pollution days in more than a decade. Last month tied for the sixth warmest June on record. Increasingly heavy storms made May the wettest on record, for the third year in a row.

In a study published earlier this month, scientists said that even if we cut carbon emissions now, it could be decades before we see the benefits. That's an argument for getting started.

The House Democrats have put forth a good plan.

They need your help to make it happen.

This editorial was first published in the Chicago Sun-Times.

The trials we face

Every destination is enhanced by the journey one must voyage to it. Today is no different. Without the journey we have taken over the past several years, the meaning of today's ceremony is lost. Our arrival at this point will be treasured for the rest of

Caleb Stout
Salutatorian



our lives, not because of these silly outfits we wear or the certificates we receive, but because of the journey that led us all to this point. I read a book this year that reminded me of our journey through high school. The book is titled, "Pilgrim's Progress," by John Bunyan. It is an allegory about our journey through life. The pages are flooded with the adventures of a young man named Christian. The book details his encounters on the journey, many of which greet him with great difficulty. He is joined by companions to support him along the way, and he would have failed to reach his destination without their help. In many ways, Christian's journey aligns with our own. In a similar way to us as squires, Christian carried a sword and

shield to protect himself from danger. He was met with obstacles, some of which he anticipated and some that surprised him, just as this year has been for us.

As I was reading, a certain line struck me. Christian had overcome an obstacle on his journey and was then greeted with these words by a friend who had just heard about the great difficulty Christian encountered. "How glad am I to hear of the trials you've faced. Not glad that you've met with trials, but that you've proven yourselves to be victors over them. And it is for this reason, despite your many weaknesses, that you have been enabled to continue in the way."

My friends, we too are no stranger to trial and tribulation. We have been met with many obstacles in our education. This year alone has given us plenty of challenges. We missed out on spring athletics, we had to finish our high school careers doing classes alone online, our ceremonies have been altered and postponed, and if you can remember the beginning of the year you will painfully recollect the day we lost homecoming.

The journey has not been easy, but yet here you are. Here we are. I can truly say that I am glad of the trials we have faced. I am glad that it has not been easy. Not glad simply because of the obstacles, but glad because we have proven to be victors over them. The past has presented us with many difficulties, and I assure you the future will as well. But may today be proof that we are also no stranger to triumph and victory. We are no stranger to beating the odds, overcoming the obstacle, and finishing the race.

We have not allowed our setbacks to define us. We all know finishing senior year is a challenge, but we had the perseverance to finish despite doing it alone online. We missed out on spring athletics and events, but we chose to adapt and roll with the punches. We made the most of an unexpected year. It is in these trials that we have found victory.

And for this reason, we are enabled to continue in the way. That means that today is not the end, but rather a continuation. We have overcome the obstacles behind us, and because of that, we are now ready to defeat the trials ahead. We now can step forward into the future with a heart of perseverance and a spirit of endurance. We will reach higher points in the times to come. Not because the road is now easy, but because we are ready to climb higher mountains. We are prepared to embark on more treacherous trails. We may have reservations, doubts, and fears about the future, but no fear we may have outweighs the courage we have attained.

Up to this point, our paths have aligned and we have journeyed together. Our paths may take us to different places now, but may none of us travel alone. And may none of us be rendered defeated by the trials ahead. May each of us approach the future with confidence, ambition, humility, enthusiasm, and courage. I am proud of where we are now, but what makes me truly proud is where I know we can be in the years to come.

Elevate the trajectory of your life, reach your potential, and crush the obstacles along the way. I love you all, and take pride in this journey we have taken together.

Caleb Stout is the 2020 Manchester Jr./Sr. High School salutatorian. Stout delivered this speech at graduation at 8 p.m. Friday, July 17.



Dirty windows

I don't need to tell you all that it's been a crazy year to graduate. And while there was a lot to be disappointed about, there were some good things that came out of all the madness. For me, one good thing was that I was able to start my summer job much earlier than expected. As some of you know, I have spent this summer working as a window washer. The process of washing a window is pretty simple. The first thing you do is mop the window. Then you scrub the dirt off. Then finally

Justin Self
Valedictorian



you get to squeegee all the stuff off the window. Nothing beats that moment when you pull the squeegee across a really dirty window and see the clear view on the other side. While the mopping and scrubbing is not the most fun part of cleaning, you find it is important to work to get a clear window.

During our time in school, we have faced many situations in which we could not get a clear view of the future. I remember eating lunch for the first time in the high school cafeteria. I was in Mr. Doehrmann's class so I had B lunch with all the high schoolers who seemed much older. I'm not going to lie, I was pretty intimidated. I'm sure many of us felt intimidated at some point during our early years at high school.

We did not know who we were or where we might fit in. We all struggled with these questions in

different ways, but somehow we made it here. It took some work, but it became clear to us who we were. We found friends and teachers who we could trust. It feels like a completely different place than it did when we were just seventh graders.

The school, the cafeteria, the gym, the PAC, the hallways, the parking lot all became places filled with great memories. Through our struggles, we found some sort of clarity in our lives.

Another time I felt uncertain was in soccer. We had some successful seasons, but the sectional never went as we hoped. Our freshman year we were so close but barely lost in overtime. We lost badly our sophomore and junior years. Losing the game in our junior year was especially demoralizing. It seemed that our hopes of ever winning a sectional championship were very bleak. Those chances seemed to become even slimmer when we found out the teams in our sectional this year. They were some of the best teams in the state. We had focused on finding ways to improve our team the entire season so we could finally win a sectional title. Then we saw Culver Academy play. I remember thinking they were the best high school soccer team I had ever watched after seeing them in their first-round sectional game. Our chances seemed to be slipping away. But then the game happened. Our preparations helped us keep up and we got the game to penalty kick (PK) shootouts. It was intense and we could all feel the pressure building.

When Sam Reichenbach scored the final PK to win the game, the emotions we felt were unbelievable. It was a combination of joy, relief, excitement, disbelief. But what stood out most to me was a feeling of clarity. I realized why I loved soccer so much. I realized why my teammates and I had been working towards our goal the entire season.

Everything seemed to be clear at that moment. It was an amazing feeling.

Right now, we are facing a lot of uncertainty. We are leaving the comfort of this school and moving on to whatever our future might hold. And the world around us is not giving us any answers. Each day brings more questions and more uncertainty. Unlike cleaning windows, life does not always follow a particular process. But we can learn a little bit from the window cleaning process. When things get dirty in life, we have to keep scrubbing. It might not be glamorous or exciting, but someday the scrubbing, our hard work and persistence, will pay off. We know it will because it already has in so many different ways. We will pull the squeegee across the window, and the fuzziness will be gone. And there will be times when things get fuzzy again because things happen and circumstances change. But we will keep scrubbing and keep finding clarity, and we will come out better on the other side.

Justin Self is the 2020 Manchester Jr./Sr. High School valedictorian. Self delivered this speech at graduation at 8 p.m. Friday, July 17.

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

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MIT chaplain learns that mercy, justice are controversial

Earlier this year, a Catholic priest published a book entitled “Mercy: What Every Catholic Should Know,” focusing on doctrine and discipleship issues that ordinarily would not cause controversy.

But these are not ordinary times. Acting as a Catholic chaplain at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Father Daniel Moloney tried to apply his words about mercy and justice to the firestorm of protests and violence unleashed by the killing of George Floyd by a white Minneapolis police officer.

In the end, the priest resigned at the request of

the Archdiocese of Boston, in response to MIT administration claims that Moloney, in a June 7 email, violated a campus policy prohibiting “actions or statements that diminish the value of individuals or groups of people.”

Moloney wrote, in a meditation that defied simplistic soundbites: “George Floyd was killed by a police officer, and shouldn’t have been. He had not lived a virtuous life. He was convicted of several crimes, including armed robbery. ... And he was high on drugs at the time of his arrest.”

“But we do not kill such people. He committed sins, but we root for sinners to change their lives and convert to the Gospel. Catholics want all life protected from conception until natural death.”

Criminals have human dig-

nity and deserve justice and mercy, the priest said. This is why Catholics are “asked to work to abolish the death penalty in this country.”

On the other side of this painful equation, wrote Moloney, police officers struggle with issues of sin, anger and prejudice. Their work “often hardens them” in ways that cause “a cost to their souls.” Real dangers can fuel attitudes that are “unjust and sinful,” including racism.

In a passage stressed by critics, the priest wrote that the officer who knelt on Floyd’s neck until he died “acted wrongly. ... The charges filed against him allege dangerous negligence, but say nothing about his state of mind. ... But he showed disregard for his life, and we cannot accept that in our law enforcement officers. It is right that he

has been arrested and will be prosecuted.

“In the wake of George Floyd’s death, most people in the country have framed this as an act of racism. I don’t think we know that.”

An editor who has worked with Moloney stressed that the scholarly priest – with degrees from Yale University, Rome’s Pontifical University of the Holy Cross and a doctorate from the University of Notre Dame – is a precise writer.

Thus, it’s important to note what he was “actually saying and, equally important, what he was not saying,” noted Joseph Pearce in The Catholic World Report. “He wasn’t saying, as some have alleged by misquoting him, that George Floyd’s death was not an act of racism. He was simply saying that we don’t know whether it was racist.”

Citing Catholic teachings, the priest noted that “racism is a sin,” and that “so is rash judgment.” The email ended with these words: “Blessed are the peacemakers, our Lord tells us. May we all be counted among them.”

In an online post the day before writing the fateful email, entitled “Mercy in a time of national anger,” Moloney said that it helps to remember that leaders of the Civil Rights Movement – especially the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. – struggled to obtain justice, but also sought to “cultivate mercy.”

Right now, Americans are shouting at one another – or worse – about politics, class struggle and violence.

“Some people think that the right thing to do is to enact reforms of the police; others think that the right thing to do is to kill the police and bomb the precinct,”

wrote Moloney. “Some people think that nonviolent protests are an appropriate response; others think that injustice justifies robbing the local Target. Some people are satisfied when the bad cops are arrested, prosecuted and convicted; others want to overthrow the government. Some are just so upset that they don’t know what to do.”

“All agree that something deeply wrong happened to George Floyd, but our consensus stops there, at the level of justice. Mercy is the virtue that comes into play when things go wrong. Once we decide that something is unjust, we still have to decide what is the right thing to do.”

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The real lesson of love

The lights went out early on May 29, just before a private Mass I was blessed to be able to participate in. The natural response now, when things seem to be getting worse, is “Well, of course” or “Why not?” I’ve seen that in reaction to a possible tornado in New York, a news story about locusts (yes, locusts), and another about apes escaping a

facility with COVID-19 samples (!).
May 29 happens to be the day that the Catholic Church remembers the life of Pope Paul VI. He’s the one who released the encyclical “Humanae Vitae,” which shed light on some warring factions in the Church in a whole new way.

The sticking point was and is contraception, the idea of which was really only just beginning to change the world as we knew it in 1968.

The timing all seemed to make some sense in those dark early morning minutes (the local blackout didn’t extend for more than 10 or 15 minutes, but as I hadn’t had any coffee yet, it might have seemed longer).

Throughout the previous night, parts of Minneapolis were in flames because of the seemingly blatant murder of George Floyd by that city’s police. Most of us have seen the video that shows a cold, calculating cruelty, a total indifference to the humanity of Floyd, completely helpless under the weight of the officer pressing his knee against Floyd’s neck. “He’s human!” one bystander yelled. That’s all we really have to know. This is at the heart of the nursing home scandals, too, during these coronavirus times – do we consider the elderly less than human because they may not have all the faculties they once did? Do we realize that someday we will be the elderly, dependent on younger generations? It all comes back to what we think about life. Is it a gift? Is it precious? One thing I worry about these last few weeks and months now: Have we been staying home out of respect for others more vulnerable than we are, or have we been hiding in an

act of somewhat universal self-preservation? One of the healthy lessons from this time is a deeper appreciation of the fact that we are all going to die! If it’s not coronavirus, it will be something somewhere, and we do not know the day or the time.

Which brings us back to Mr. Floyd. Right on the eve of Paul VI’s feast day, as people were looting parts of the Twin Cities, there was an image making the rounds on social media. It appeared to be Jesus, falling under the weight of His cross. But beside Him were the words, “I can’t breathe” – the words Floyd said as an officer’s leg on his neck must have made breathing impossible. I saw a flare-up on Facebook, one man calling the comparison a stretch saying that Jesus was a god, not a man, after all. But that is precisely the point the artist, I suspect, was trying to make, and that Paul VI was, too. We must see God in one another! You don’t treat a man like a wild beast when you see the dignity that God has given us all through his son, Jesus Christ. And, yes, racism is certainly anathema to such radical life and love.

When the lights are out for a moment, we are uncertain; we reflect on what is most important to us. We’ve all experienced the pandemic in different ways, but shouldn’t it serve as inspiration to love each other more? Many things matter to the functioning of society, but love is really the measure of our lives and what makes the difference in the lives of others. Love makes it impossible to needlessly and callously kill each other. Love keeps us from spreading hate on Twitter or Facebook or in real, in-person encounters. Love keeps us from destroying a man’s livelihood, as we’ve seen in the burning and looting in Minneapolis. Love changes things, and we all have a limited time to do our part. What are we waiting for? Why are we wasting time on anything less?

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Restoration work starts at Indiana Territory governor’s home

By JENNY MCNEECE
Vincennes Sun-Commercial

VINCENNES — Mark R. Wenger, crouched on all fours inside the dining room at the Grouseland mansion, craned his neck and leaned deep into the fireplace, a tiny flashlight shining a beam inside the more than 200-year-old crevice.

“There, see that, that black,” he said, his voice echoing around the small chamber. “That’s what we’re looking for. “That tells us there really was a fireplace here. That (soot) is more than 200 years old.”

Wenger and a handful of architects and preservationists with New York-based firm of Mesick Cohen Wilson and Baker were recently on site at the William Henry Harrison mansion to put the finishing touches on the specifications for a \$1.2 million restoration set to get underway at Grouseland later this year.

They’ve been working for months, paying periodic visits to the mansion, to look for clues as to what the home might have looked like – the finishes it would have had – when it was first built in 1804 as Harrison’s residence while he was governor of the Indiana Territory. Harrison was elected ninth president of the United States in 1840.

In the more than two centuries since the house was built, it’s passed through many hands – and been through multiple restorations and renovations. So it was up to Wenger and his colleagues to go in search of buried treasure.

One such treasure was the discovery of an original fireplace on the south end of the dining room. Yet another was that the

large dining room was actually likely never a large dining room at all, but rather two smaller rooms as signs of a wall were found underneath the existing wood floor, evidence that Harrison likely never entertained guests in that dining room at all.

“And over here,” said Grouseland Foundation executive director Lisa Ice-Jones, the thrill clear in her voice. “Look at what they found over here in these windows.”

What they uncovered, architects said, were many of the wood windows’ original interior or pulley systems, ones that will be fully restored and the sashes put back as part of the restoration, Ice-Jones said.

Another major part of the project, too, will be a return to some of the home’s original paint colors.

Susan Buck, an art conservator with an extensive history of working on the restorations of presidential sites, ones like Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello, and other historic homes, like the Owens-Thomas house in Savannah, Georgia, has been working with Mesick Cohen Wilson and Baker to specifically search for original paint colors and wall coverings.

Likely the biggest realization to come from her findings, she said, is that the bright white trim on both the interior and exterior of Grouseland was likely never bright white at all.

“This was likely added in the 1920s,” she said as she examined the woodwork on the large upstairs porch. “They wouldn’t have been able to create this bright white color in the 19th century at all.”

Buck, too, has looked at interior window trim and mantels. Her method is to create a tiny,

yet deep hole in the wood; using a lighted magnifying glass, she uncovers a kind of bullseye shape, one that reveals years of paint layers.

“You can see a full paint history in this one small section,” she said with a wide smile.

The inner-most layer, she explained, often gives clues as to what the original paint or stain would have been. In many cases, in the 1804 Grouseland mansion, the colors would have been very natural, not the white they’re painted now.

“What I’m seeing are cream colors, tans, especially in these more formal parts of the house,” she said.

Buck likened her work to a giant jigsaw puzzle; she looks for pieces, sometimes taking as many as 100 samples, to put the original picture back together.

“And this is all such a big deal,” she said, her eyes sweeping around the mansion’s grant foyer.

The foundation’s board of directors in the spring of 2014 hired Mesick Cohen Wilson and Baker to do a Historic Structure Report of Grouseland.

The firm has done work on James Madison’s Montpelier in Orange, Virginia, George Washington’s Mount Vernon as well as Thomas Jefferson’s Popular Forest, his retreat outside Lynchburg, Virginia, and his Monticello near Charlottesville, Virginia.

They recommended a \$3.5 million, but the foundation has opted to take the work in phases. This first phase will include everything from a restoration of the windows, new paint, a restoration of the dining room, and exterior paint and tuck-pointing, among other projects.



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First Church of God, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Wabash Christian Church, Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Rev. Haley Asberry, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: www.wabashchristian.org. Worship Service 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on Facebook. Services streaming on our website and Facebook.

FRIENDS CHURCH

Wabash Friends Church, 3563 S State Rd 13, Wabash. Traditional Worship, 8:30am. Contemporary Worship, 10:45am. Sunday School, 9:30am. Currently only doing virtual services on Sunday morning at 10am until June 14th. Join us at https://www.facebook.com/wabashfriendschurch/

INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Solomon David, Lead Minister; Michael Eaton, Worship Minister; Ken Goble, Senior Adults Minister; Taylor McSarland, Women's Director; David Diener, Student Minister; Tyler Leland, Children's Minister; Nate Tlyer, Youth & Outreach Minister; Ryan Keim, Next Step Minister; Janet Legesse, Early Childhood Director. NOW OFFERING 2 SERVICE TIMES. Adult Bible Fellowship & Worship, 9:15am, 10:45am. ONLINE SERVICES ONLY

LUTHERAN

Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC), 242 S Huntington St. Wabash IN. Pastor Tom Curry. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 am with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship and a time of fellowship after each service. Wednesday evenings include soup supper at 6:00 pm followed by an informal service at 7:00 pm. www.LivingFaithWabash.org ONLINE SERVICES ONLY

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.

UNITED METHODIST

First United Methodist Church, 110 N Cass Street. Senior Pastor Nathan Whybrew, Pastor of Visitation Rev. John Cook. Youth Pastor Nick Smith. Director of Children's Ministry Angel Hostetler. (260) 563-3108. Sunday Schedule: 8 & 10am Worship Service. 9am Teen & Adult Sunday School & Children's faith learning. 10:15am Sunday School for Pre-School thru 5th Grade following Children's Message (except for 1st Sunday each month). First Friends Early Learning Ministry: age 4 weeks thru 12 years 6am to 6pm weekdays. Carolyn Satterfield, Director. Wesley Academy Pre-School: age 3 through Pre-K. Susan Vanlandingham, Director. Service streaming on our Facebook page.

North Manchester United Methodist Church, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Mark Eastway. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

Richvalley United Methodist Church, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all ages. "NO SERVICES UNTIL RESTRICTIONS LIFTED"

Roann United Methodist Church, Corner of Adams and Arnold Street, Roann. Pastor Wayne Balmer. (765) 833-2931. Worship Celebration 9am. Sunday School 10:15am.





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Daily Bible Reading						
Exodus 1:1-22	Exodus 2:1-25	Exodus 3:1-22	Exodus 4:1-17	Exodus 4:18-31	Exodus 6:2-13	Esther 2:1-23
Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society X Daily Devotional at DailyBible.AmericanBible.org						
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